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# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to MPEP § 609, Applicants understand that the Examiner will, as part of his examination of this application, consider the art of record in the parent application. A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed, citing art of record in the parent application.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/418,093	4/6/95	2861
08/781,206	1/10/97	2879
09/143,388	8/28/98	2879
09/153,883	9/16/98	2879
09/191,342	11/13/98	2879
09/332,100	6/14/94	2821
09/332,101	6/14/99	2875
09/333,523	6/15/99	2875
09/435,818	11/8/99	2875
09/440,535	11/16/99	2879
09/443,308	11/19/99	2879
09/633,152	8/4/00	2879

A copy of each cited application is enclosed.

The following cited U.S. Patents issued from the corresponding following U.S. patent applications, of record in the parent application:

6,129,602 issued from Application No. 09/468,940  
 6,147,449 issued from Application No. 08/508,906  
 6,169,356 issued from Application No. 08/264,497  
 6,171,162 issued from Application No. 09/413,322  
 6,179,678 issued from Application No. 09/244,164  
 6,184,610 issued from Application No. 08/690,964  
 6,221,426 issued from Application No. 08/774,009  
 6,231,413 issued from Application No. 09/404,833  
 6,246,168 issued from Application No. 08/508,931  
 6,259,191 issued from Application No. 09/437,746

6,334,803 issued from Application No. 08/846,187  
6,344,711 issued from Application No. 09/513,841

One copy of each of the these patents also is enclosed herewith, since those patents were not of record in the parent application.

Copies of the remaining documents cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and copies of any Abstracts and/or English translations which may correspond to those documents, and which are of record in the parent application, should be available in the parent application.<sup>1</sup> Should the Examiner need any additional copies, however, such will gladly be supplied upon request.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

#### CONCLUSION

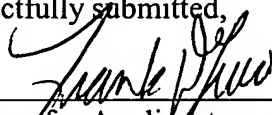
Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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<sup>1</sup>/ The Examiner also is referred to a copy of an August 9, 2000 E.P.O. Search Report, and a copy of an April 5, 2000 Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, of record in the parent application. The E.P.O. Search report and April 5, 2000 Communication cite some of the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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